Oakville

Mr. and Mrs. James Martin were supper guests last Tuesday night of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Maggie Gardner and Ethel last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cawthorne, Shawna Faye and John Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Covington and Jane Russell.

Mrs. Mary Jane Burcher, Mrs. Beryl Covington and Mrs. Garland Burcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman in Lynchburg on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Martin entertained with a dinner party at their home Saturday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin, of Chicago, Illinois,Mr. and Mrs. James Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Foster and Matthew and Mr. Gregg Martin.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Martin of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Plunkett. Other visiting in the Martin home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Riley Megginson and Vicki Kern, Mr. Robert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Martin, Mrs. Mason Banton, Mr. Clayton Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Friday & Mr. and Mrs. Lathan Harvey.

Mrs. Maude Phelps, Mrs. James Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Smith visited in the home of Mrs. Maggie Gardner and Ethel Monday afternoon.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis B. Moore, Jr., Barry and Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Smith and son, Joel, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Jimmy W. Martin left Saturday to spend several days with Mr. Martin who is in High Point, N.C. for the spring furniture market. They will join their family later this week before leaving for their home in Memphis, Tenn. on Friday.

Mrs. Lena Burcher visited her cousin Mrs. Janie Craig in Lynchburg on Tuesday.

Glad to hear Master Denny Drinkard is home after receiving treatment at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Dinner guests on Sudnay of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moore were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore and Berneta, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lewis and Jamie, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moore and Timmy Clements. Afternoon visitors in the Moore home were Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Moore, Marlene, Liza and Angela, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore and Mrs. Harold Martin and Hunter.

Mrs. Dora Coleman and Mrs. Herbert Richardson visited Mrs. Garland Burcher and Mrs. Lena Burcher Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Alton Moore entered Virginia Baptist Hospital on Sunday for treatment. We pray for her a speedy recovery.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings. A good start, breezing away into the merry, merry month of May. Had some needed repairs done on my '63 model car, and can now make it to the post office and food store, which are about the outer limits of my travels. The telephone saves lots of traveling. Yesterday the phone rang and it was a reader who happened to be waiting for a bus in Portsmouth, Va., and decided to call Father Darkleaf in Appomattox. Thanks, my friend. Moments later another long distance call from Richmond, Va., from the president of my college class, wanting to persuade me not to miss the fiftieth reunion of my graduating class. No can do, but it was nice to be remembered and to hear about many classmates who will be there. The fiftieth anniversary of anything is special. My college roommate, Dr. Earl Hoshall, now of Oregon, will be there. I will shed a few tears reunion week end, but tears help you over the rough spots.

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It is not time for the "seventh inning stretch" in gardening, for it is too early in the game. But we are in sort of a holding period, waiting to see what, if anything, will come up. Mighty question . . . will I be the watermelon king of Martha Street? And it would be ridiculous to call the news editor, to come over and take a picture of me shooting down ears of corn from stalks the catalog said, as a novelty, would be fifteen feet high! Some years ago I wrote in this column that I wished I had some violets. A reader did not send, but came by and brought me some. We selected a nice shady spot, but the lawnmower doing my yard inadvertedly did not giv'em a chance. But yesterday I checked and they are coming up again and I hope, I hope, I hope.

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I have been around a long time in Historic Appomattox, but I have never known a time when we had so many capable young people available for keeping "Appomattox a Growing Town." I salute you, and my success crown your efforts. A verse of No. 88 is in order, "Bring Them In."

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Town election will be over by the time you read this, and let us rally to support our local government. I had wanted to write a full column about Brightleaf, who has served on the Town Council for more years than anybody in the history of the Town, but decided not to seek re-election this year. But I am under strict orders not to even mention it. She won election to Council in May, 1951. Heavens to Betsy, I love to brag about my wife, and some week when she's not looking, I may "write her up."

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Met a friend this morning, all dressed up and looking sharp. Said was leaving in the morning for Florida! Have a nice and a safe trip. I understand the tomato crop was short this time around in Florida and it will be endless before I can grow my own. Oh well, give it a try. Appomattox people are going to be traveling this year, of our nation's Bicentennial. That is good, but also visitor totals in Appomattox will be up, and let us make'em welcome. Nearly every day I see out of state cars parked and pictures being taken at historical marker signs. it helps us and forbid it that anyone would ever stop in Appomattox and leave without saying, "My, what a swell town".

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Ah yes, got enough notes here on my typewriter desk to write endlessly, but space does have a way of running out, so thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

photo by Robert E. Pankey

ROBERT WOOTEN, board member of the Appomattox County Jaycees, is presenting a portable generator valued at $300.00 to H. E. "Slick" Mitchell, Chief of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department.

Jaycees Make Donation To Fire Department

The Appomattox County Jaycees have recently made a donation to the Appomattox County Volunteer Fire Department. The Jaycees donated a portable generator valued at $300. The Fire Department stated that in many cases where electrity was not available the portable generator was needed to power lights, exhaust fans and other fire fighting equipment.

This is just one more area that the Appomatox County Jaycees are working in. This local organization is constantly striving to make Appomattox County a better place in which to live, work and play. Contributions like this are only possible through public support of the annual jaycee projects such as Radio Day and the Bluegrass Festival.

The Jaycees have completed plans for this year's second annual Bluegrass Festival. It will be held at Paradise Lake on June 4 and 5. Final site preparations are being made. Posters are being distributed and the bands are readying for what the Jaycees hope to be the biggest and best Bluegrass Festival ever in the state of Virginia. Make plans now to attend and enjoy a week end of good 'ole Bluegrass Music and help the Jaycees to help Appomattox. All proceeds go back into your community.

Nominated For 1976 National High School Coach-Of-The-Year

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association, Executive Director, Carey E. McDonald announced April 26 that Mrs. Louise Martin of Appomattox County High School has been selected as District Girls Sports Coach-of-the-Year for 1976. Coach Martin was nominated by fellow coaches in this state for "National High School Coach-of-the-Year". Outstanding coaches were nominated from other states in this NHSACA district but Mrs. Martin was judged by the National Awards Committee as one of the eight NHSACA district nominees for 1976 "National High Coach-of-the-Year."

McDonald stated that nominees from each state in each of the twelve sports areas (Athletic Directors, Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Girls Sports, Wrestling, Swimming, Golf, Cross - Country, Tennis, Soccer) are evaluated on the basis of high school career coaching excellence and performance and professional service to the coaching profession and or high school athletics.

Mrs. Martin, a graduate of Longwood College, Farmville where she received a B.S. degree, has taught for thirty years in the Appomattox County School System. She is presently teaching Physical Education in Appomattox County High School along with her coaching duties.

Coach Martin began her coaching career seventeen years ago - a time when basketball was the only girls' sport at Appomattox High School. With the help of Miss Pat Bell of Rustburg High School, softball was organized in the Seminole District. Games were played out of the district until a schedule was developed among district schools and the sport was sanctioned by the Virginia High School League.

Mrs. Martin has coached softball for 11 years; coached volleyball for 5 years; and alone coached all girls' sports until Miss Mary Tolley was assigned assistant basketball coach four years ago. For the past two years, Mrs. Martin has assisted Miss Tolley with softball.

During her coaching career Mrs. Martin has had only two losing seasons in basketball, no losing seasons in volleyball and softball - **And has never had a technical called on her** by an official in any sport.

Twelve members of teams coached by Mrs. Martin have pursued Physical Education careers or participated in Inter-Collegiate Sports. She has been the Supervising Teacher for seven Physical Education Student Teachers from Longwood College, and has served on Girls Sports Committee of the Virginia High School League for two years.

Coach Martin's career record is as follows:

Volleyball: 48-3 (won district five years and won district tournament three years)

Basketball: 204-58 (won district 8 years, won Sectional two years, played in State semi-finals this year)

Softball: 108 - 20 (won district six years).

The wife of E. Carter Martin, they are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Mary Torrence who teaches at Long Mountain Academy, Concord; and Mrs. Lucy Harris who teaches and coaches basketball and track and field at Seven Hill School in Lynchburg.

Coach Martin will be featured at the 11th annual NHSACA National Convention - Clinic - National Awards Banquet on June 18, 1976 at the Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon. National Awards will be announced and presented to the winners at the national Awards Banquet which will also spotlight Duffy Daugherty, Henry Iba, and Bill Bowerman for special awards that evening.

"The citizens and sports fans of this community and state certainly must be proud of the great job that Coach Martin has done with its youth through athletics", commented McDonald, "for this achievement is a compliment to the school system, student body, faculty, and the family." The NHSACA

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Mrs. Louise Martin

High School P-TA To Organize

The PTA Council of Appomattox is looking forward to the establishment of a PTA Steering Committee and Executive Council for Appomattox County High School for the 1976-77 school year. An organizational meeting will be held on May 18 at 8 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. It is the desire of the PTA and the High School to work closely together in forming a parent-teacher association to continue to evaluate and up-grade the instructional offerings for our students in the County. We have a very effective operating PTA program and look forward to the association's involvement with the total High School program.

Please make it a point to come by and meet with the PTA Steering Committee to organize plans for the coming school year. If there are any questions concerning this please contact Mrs. E. B. Drinkard, Telephone Number 352-7750, or call the High School.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Squad Answers 43 Calls In April

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 43 emergency calls during the month of April, 1976.

In answering these calls, members spent 137½ manhours and travelled a total of 1007miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: cuts, 1; transports to hospital, 6; diabetic, 2; overdose, 2; falls, 1; chest pains, 4 (3 required oxygen); illness, 8; breathing difficulty, 7 (oxygen given as needed); broken bones, 1; fish hook in cheek, 1; knee injury, 1; stroke, 1; heart attack, 1; wrecks, 3 (only two persons receiving personal injury); possible injury, 1; false calls, 1; dead on arrival, 1; and 1 child got an arm caught in candy machine.

In addition to answering these calls, instructors have been teaching a class in Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care and completed the class Monday night, May 3.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For May 18

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its last visit of the fiscal year to Appomattox Tuesday, May 18.

The quota for this visit will be 102 units of blood. The bloodmobile will, as usual, be set-up at Liberty Baptist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

At this visit the 25th Anniversary of the Blood Program will be celebrated.

Make plans to donate a unit of blood and help to keep Appomattox County 100% of its quota.

School Board Will Meet May 13

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

Items on the agenda are as follows: consideration of School Board Policy related to special education; review and discussion of School Board Policy related to educational leave for twelve months employees; report on drug education phase of the curriculum in kindergarten through grade 12; accreditation of Appomattox County Schools by the State Department of Education; report on progress of plans relative to implementation of Title IX; consideration of School Division calendar for 1976-77; report on the implementation of a hearing impaired program for 1976-77; proposal for an Individualized System Approach to teaching Automotive Engine Repair; consideration of Title I Advisory Committee for 1976-77; and the Superintendent's Report.

Pre-School Clinic

Pre-school clinic dates have been set by the health department. If you desire to use health department services for the required physical for the child entering school, please call the health department for an appointment. The number if 352-5690.

State law requires that each child have a physical prior to entering school.

The pre-school clinic is being held in co-operation with the health department, school board and local physicians.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic To Be Held Here May 8 & 15

May 8 and May 15 should be noted as important dates for residents of Appomattox County as a FREE Blood Pressure Clinic will be held here on those dates.

Sponsored by the Xi Gamma Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, they will be assisted by members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad and four local registered nurses.

The sorority feels that High Blood Pressure is the No. One Secret Enemy of 25% of our county residents. Recent studies show that the percentage of black people with blood pressure problems has risen from 25% to 30% in the past year alone.

This clinic is quick and painless and a few minutes taken could literally save a life.

On Saturday, May 8, the clinic will be set up between Kings Market and Super Dollar at the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

On Saturday, May 15 the clinic will be set up in front of Wilbun's Super Market on Confederate Boulevard from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Mrs. Thelbert Stratton, service chairman and coordinator of this joint effort, urges all citizens to remember these dates and take advantage of the service being offered.

She reminds us that hidden high blood pressure problems is like having a time bomb inside you and you may never know until it explodes, causing a stroke or heart attack.

The sorority hopes that if the clinic is successful, they can make it an annual project.

Lions Club Elects New Officers

At their regular meeting on April 29, the Appomattox Lions Club elected new officers for the 1976-77 club year.

Elected were J. Franklin Vaughan, President; Dr. John M. Fedison, 1st Vice President; James A. Beaty, 2nd Vice President; Francis A. Elliott, 3rd Vice President; R. Murrell Ferguson, Secretary and Treasurer; Richard Donald Robinson, Tail Twister; Burke H. Guill, Lion Tamer; Harry G. Lawson *and Carl L. Miller, Directors for one year term; and Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien and H. Gilbert Link, Directors for a two year term.

The new officers will be installed at the June 24 meeting.

Lions Club To Meet May 13

The Lions Club of Appomattox will meet Thursday evening, May 13, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dave Staples of the Farmville VEPCO office. He will talk on "Future Sources of Electricity".

All members will want to be present for this meeting.

Robert E. Lee Academy To Sponsor "Royal Circus" Saturday

CHECK YOUR LICENSE, YOU MAY BE A WINNER

Children of all ages can see the ROYAL CIRCUS Saturday, May 8, when Robert E. Lee Academy will present two performances, one at 2 p.m. and one at 7 p.m., at the rear of the new academy located on Route 727.

The circus will feature Animal Stars, Bicentennial Edition, Clown Parade, Daring Acrobats, and an Educational Show.

Check your license plate, if your number is the same as any one listed below you will get a FREE PASS compliments of the **Times-Virginian.** Lucky licenses are: DTB-518, BTD-292. FPR-370, PTD-687, BTC-491, DKJ-121, FBU-681, HHK-416. BTC-203, BTB-943, BTE-555, EXN-625, BTB-200, HYF-321, CAP-686, BTD-703, BTD-213, HHK-856, HFK-760, or DSB-812. If you are a lucky winner, stop by the **Times-Virginian** and pick up your free pass.

The Royal Wild West Circus is an authentic circus. It is not a carnival; it is not a bazaar, it is not a fair. it is an honest to goodness old fashioned (up to date) circus that is being sponsored by the Academy in an effort to raise money to help with school finances and projects. You will enjoy an afternoon or an evening of good, clean family fun so why not make plans now to attend one of the performances of the circus.

Tickets can be obtained from any student of the Academy or at the school.

Red Cross Fund Drive To Begin

A campaign to raise funds for the American Red Cross is getting underway in Appomattox County according to the Fund Drive Committee. Committee members, shown left to right above, are Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Mrs. Lucy Harvey, Rev. Cecil Dalton, Mrs. Ruth Drinkard, and Mr. Lloyd Walton, Committee Chairman.

The fund campaign goal for Appomattox County is $2400.00. Business establishments will be contacted personally and individuals will receive a letter asking for contributions, with a self-addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience. Please respond with a generous contribution when you receive your letter from the Appomattox Chapter, American Red Cross . . . the services of the American Red Cross are valuable to all of us.

Term Of Office To Begin July 1

Small Vote Cast In Tuesday Election

There was a light turnout at the Court House in Appomattox on Tuesday when eligible voters went to the polls to cast votes to elect a mayor and six council members for the Town of Appomattox.

With 681 eligible voters registered in the Town of Appomattox, 304 votes were cast - a small turnout in comparison with other town elections.

Henry Pack, seeking re-election as mayor and unopposed in his bid for this office, received a total of 236 votes and will begin another term of office July 1, 1976.

Five incumbent councilmen were seeking re-election and all five were elected for another two-year term. Leading the ticket with 289 votes was Ronald C. Spiggle. Other incumbents elected were Marvin J. House, Jr., who polled 263 votes; Burke H. Guill who polled 235 votes; T. E. Conner with 226 votes; and R. C. Hubbard who polled 224 votes.

Two other candidates were seeking a seat on the six-man council. R. L. "Dick" Bass, who had served as a member of council several years ago; and John McLean who was seeking a seat for the first time.

Bass received a total of 197 votes and was successful in his bid for election to council.

John McLean, polling a total of 159 votes, was not elected as a member of the Council for the Town of Appomattox.

In the Town of Pamplin, with 119 eligible voters, only 31 votes were cast in the Tuesday General Election.

The race in Pamplin was unopposed with Mayor James A. Williams and councilman T. C. Ligon, George G. Young, Roy P. Lucado, Albert C. Baldwin, Edward N. Harvey and J. M. Inge running for re-election.

Votes cast in Pamplin were as follows: Mayor Williams, 29 votes; Ligon, 29 votes; Young, 28 votes; Lucado, 28 votes; Baldwin, 30 votes; Harvey, 28 votes; and Inge, 30 votes.

The mayor and councilmen in both the Town of Appomattox and the Town of Pamplin will assume duties of the new two-year term of office effective July 1, 1976.

Cancer Fund Drive $500.00 Short

Mrs. Beck Hudson and Mrs. Marge Mims, Co-Chairmen of the Cancer Crusade for the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society, reported Tuesday morning that approximately $500.00 was still needed to reach the Fair Share Goal of $4500.00 set for Appomattox County.

Some volunteer workers have been unable to see all the people of their routes, so if you have not made your contribution and wish to do so, you may send it to Dr. C. G. O'Brien, Unit President; Mrs. Mary Alma Hudson, Treasurer; Mrs. Mims or Mrs. Hudson or call and it will be picked up.

The month of April was designated as Cancer Control Month, but it is not too late to make your donation. Won't you please do so now?